

## REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment to the claims is respectfully requested prior to an examination of the application.

The present claims are being submitted to better define the application. In this regard, while Applicant has canceled the claims indicated by the Examiner to be allowable in the Notice of Allowability, Applicant expressly reserves the right to re-submit such claims at a later time.

In this regard, the current claims are being submitted to clarify that an image data generating start mechanism (e.g., a release button) or a printing operation start mechanism (e.g., a print start switch) is operated in accordance with a first operation (such as, for example, a continuous depression) or a second operation (such as, for example, a double click (plural depressions)), so that a photography mode is set, and a reproduction mode is then automatically set. Accordingly, either operation causes the photography mode and the reproduction mode to be automatically set. Applicant notes that support for this feature (e.g., a plural depression of the release switch) is disclosed, inter alia, at page 24, lines 1-5 of Applicant's specification.

Applicant submits that this feature, which is defined in the newly submitted claims, is neither disclosed or suggested by NAKAMURA. Applicant submits that NAKAMURA discloses depressing a switch of a printer to set a photographing mode and a reproduction mode. However, in NAKAMURA, the depression of the switch comprises a single

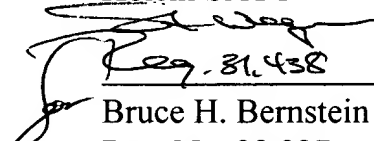
depression. On the other hand, the instant invention, as defined by the newly submitted claims, requires two different operations (e.g., types of actuations/depressions) for sequentially setting the photography mode and the reproduction mode, and such feature is submitted to be neither disclosed or suggested by NAKAMURA or the other art of record.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the claims in the application are allowable over the art of record, and respectfully requests such an indication from the Examiner.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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